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A SHIELD STORY

TOE HIGGINS paused under a streetlight to glance at his watch. Around him swirled a thick white fog. Suddenly a short, stocky man hurried up and thrust a package into his hands, Startled, Joe held the package for a moment as the little man scuttled up the street. Then he tore a corner of it and gasped. The package contained a bundle of hundred dollar bills. Joe started in pursuit of the mysterious stranger. A few minutes later he was surprised to see the man enter the town house of Roger Callway. "Well! This is interesting," thought Joe. "What on earth is Roger Callway doing handing out packages of money to strangers? It looks like blackmail to me." Swiftly his mind recalled certain facts about Callway. He had been prominent in government work until, suddenly and inexplicably, he had changed from a clear-thinking patriot to one of the country's most rabid isolationists. He maintained his isolationist

views even after Pearl Harbor, thus earning the dislike of most of his former friends.

As Joe rang the bell he wondered who could be blackmailing Callway, and for what reason. Callway answered the door himself. "Good evening, Mr. Callway. I believe you gave me this package by mistake."

Callway let out a gasp. "Mistake! You mean you weren't waiting for—" Instinctively he checked himself and said, "Er, I mean—what—er, package?"

"This package," said Joe

do that?" gasped Callway. "I'll tell you what I can. I'm being blackmailed and I've got to pay that money on the second day of every month. I don't know what will happen because I failed to do it tonight."

"Don't worry," Joe interrupted, "today happens to be the first. This may prove to be a lucky mistake for you. If you tell me the truth, and if anything can be done, I'll get my friend the Shield to help you."

Callway's face lit up. "The Shield! Do you think he-but no, even he can't help." Callway sighed wearily. "The worst of it is that after this payment I can't raise another cent. Maybe I'd better tell you about it, Come inside." In a tired voice Callway spoke. "Most people have forgotten that I had a young son. He was aboard the Athenia when it was torpedoed in '39. After months of hoping he might have been saved I gave him up for dead. Then one

grimly. "This package of hundred dollar bills."

"You must be mistaken," Callway exclaimed hastily. "I don't know anything about it. I haven't been out all night." "You're lying," said Joe, sharply. "I know you've been out for your shoes are still wet. You're going to explain this money to me or to the police!".

"The police! No, no, don't

day a stranger came and told me he had been picked up by a German submarine and was being held in a German concentration camp. If I wished him to remain alive he told me I had to pay ten thousand dellars a month for his upkeep, and also use my position to influence people of this country not to enter the war.

"I became furiously angry and threatened to go to the authorities but he laughed and said if I did, no one would believe me, and my son would be killed. It left me with no choice."

"H'm," said Joe, as Callway paused, "how do you know your son is alive?"

With shaking hands Callway held out several pictures. "These pictures. You see, 1 demanded proof at least every six months." ment he sprang out and overpowered the blackmailer. Hastily he went through the thug's pockets until he found an envelope in one pocket. Then he turned to Callway and handing him a gun he found in the Nazi agent's possession, he told him to guard him 'till a policeman came.

Callway turned on the Shield and spoke bitterly. "The police could have done this! Now my son will be killed."

"I can't explain," shouted the Shield as he sped away, "but I'll get your son."

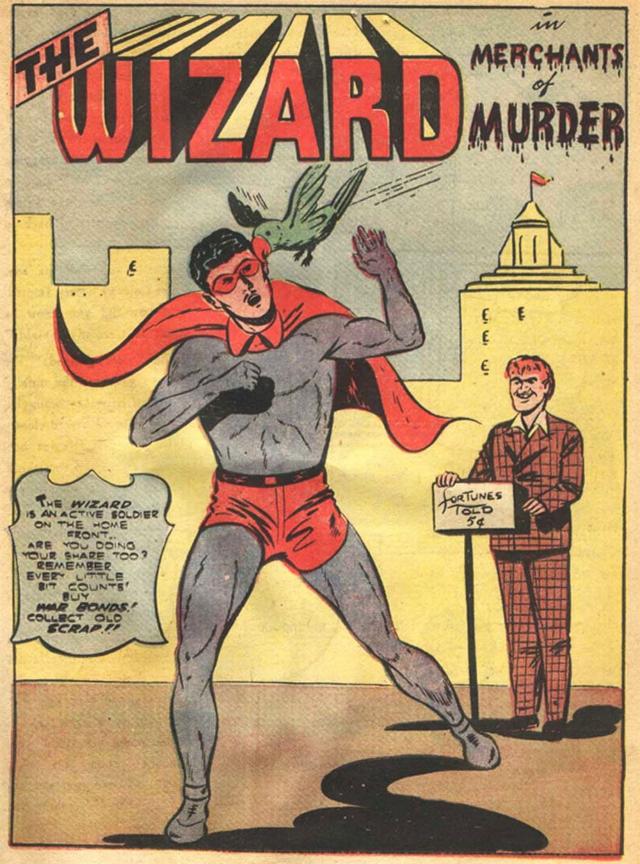
The next day the Shield arrived in a small town called Woodstock. His first stop was the postoffice where he asked the postmistress if she recognized the handwriting on the envelope taken from the blackmailer. "Why, yes," she exclaimed. "It's Bill Cramer's. He lives on the top of Ohayo Mountain." gle as the men used every vicious trick they knew to disable him, but the Shield finally overpowered them. Then he burst into the house and after a hasty search found Donald Callway locked in a small basement room. After dragging the two captors of Donald to the sheriff's office, the Shield and the boy hurried back to the city.

At the sight of his son, Roger Callway nearly fainted. "But how did you know he wasn't in Germany, Shield?"

The Shield grinned. "The pictures gave me the clue. I wondered how they smuggled them in. Then I looked closely at the one Joe Higgins borrowed, and noticed something. I magnified the picture and found a typical American RFD box in the background. The envelope postmarked Woodstock that I took from the blackmailer's pocket furnished the right location. You see, Donald was picked up by a German Sub, but they landed him in America in the custody of these three Nazi agents. It was a lucky mistake that you made when you paid your blackmail money the wrong day! You have your son, and the government has three Nazi prisoners!"

Joe examined the pictures thoughtfully and then asked if he might borrow one. As he prepared to leave he said, "make the payment as usual tomorrow night, and I'll see that the Shield is there. He'll find a way to help."

The next night the Shield crouched in a doorway. When he saw Callway make the payA short time later the Shield approached the Cramer farm. A burley man came out and ordered him to leave. Then a second man carrying a shotgun appeared. Before he could raise it the Shield leaped upon him. There was a bitter strug-



















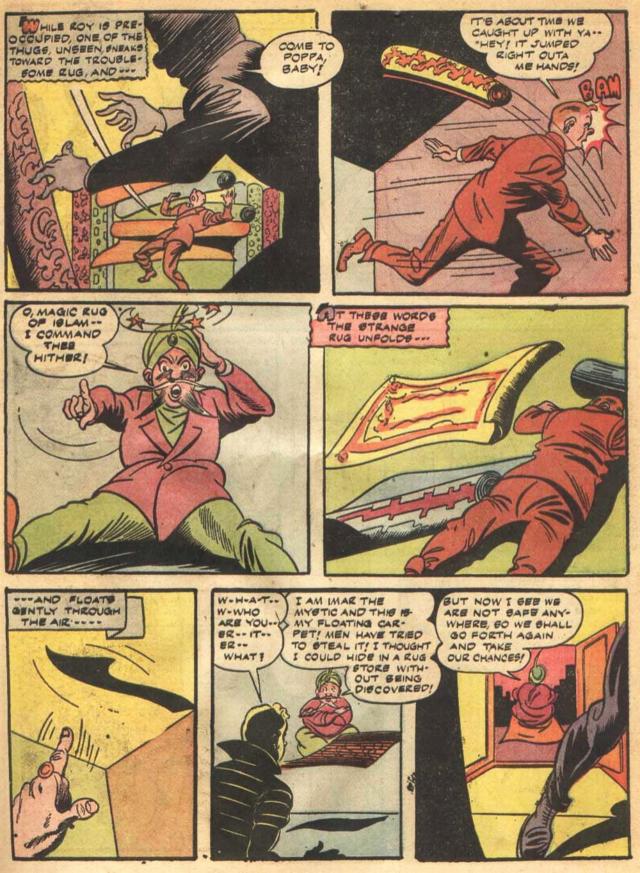
















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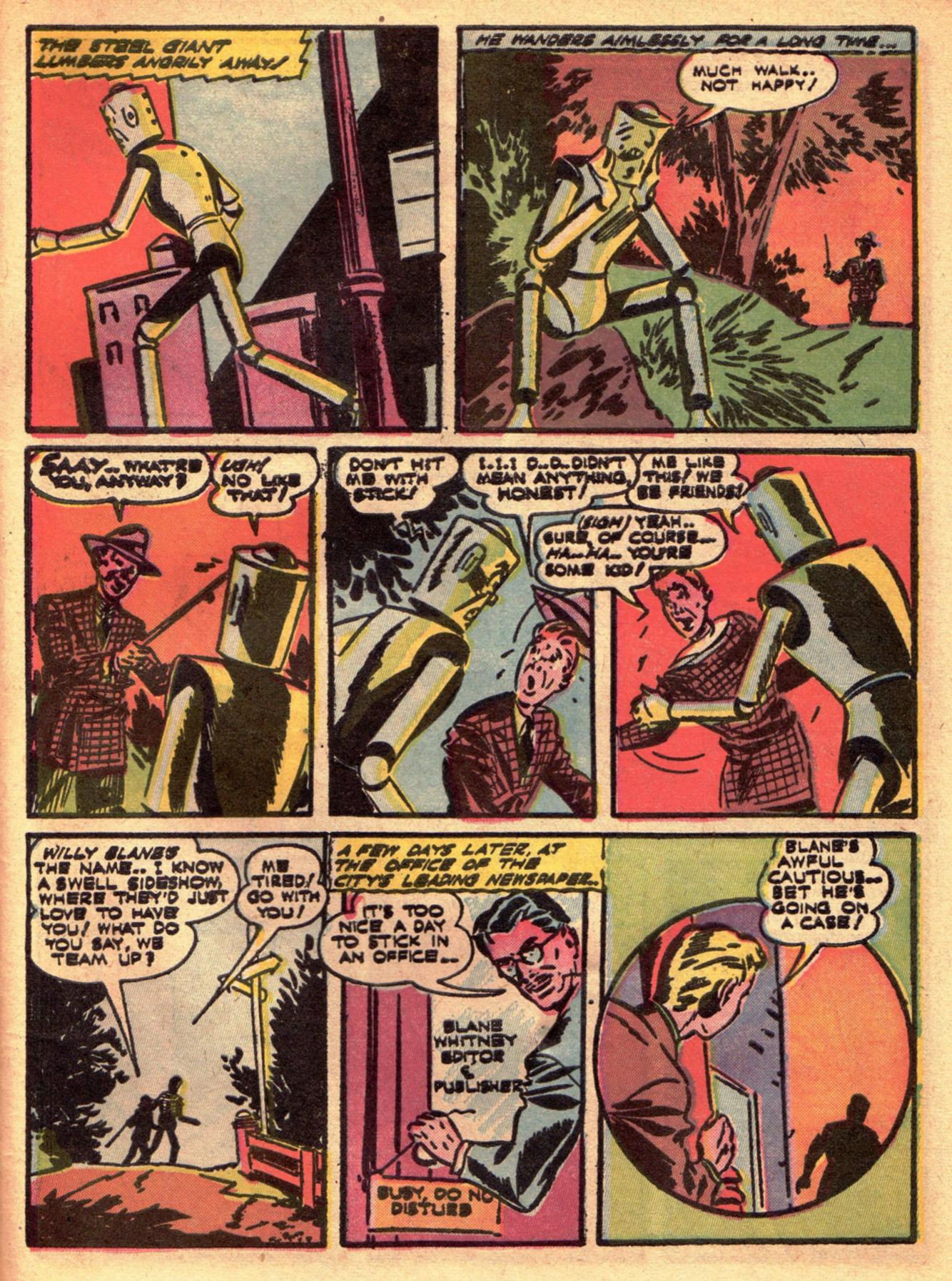
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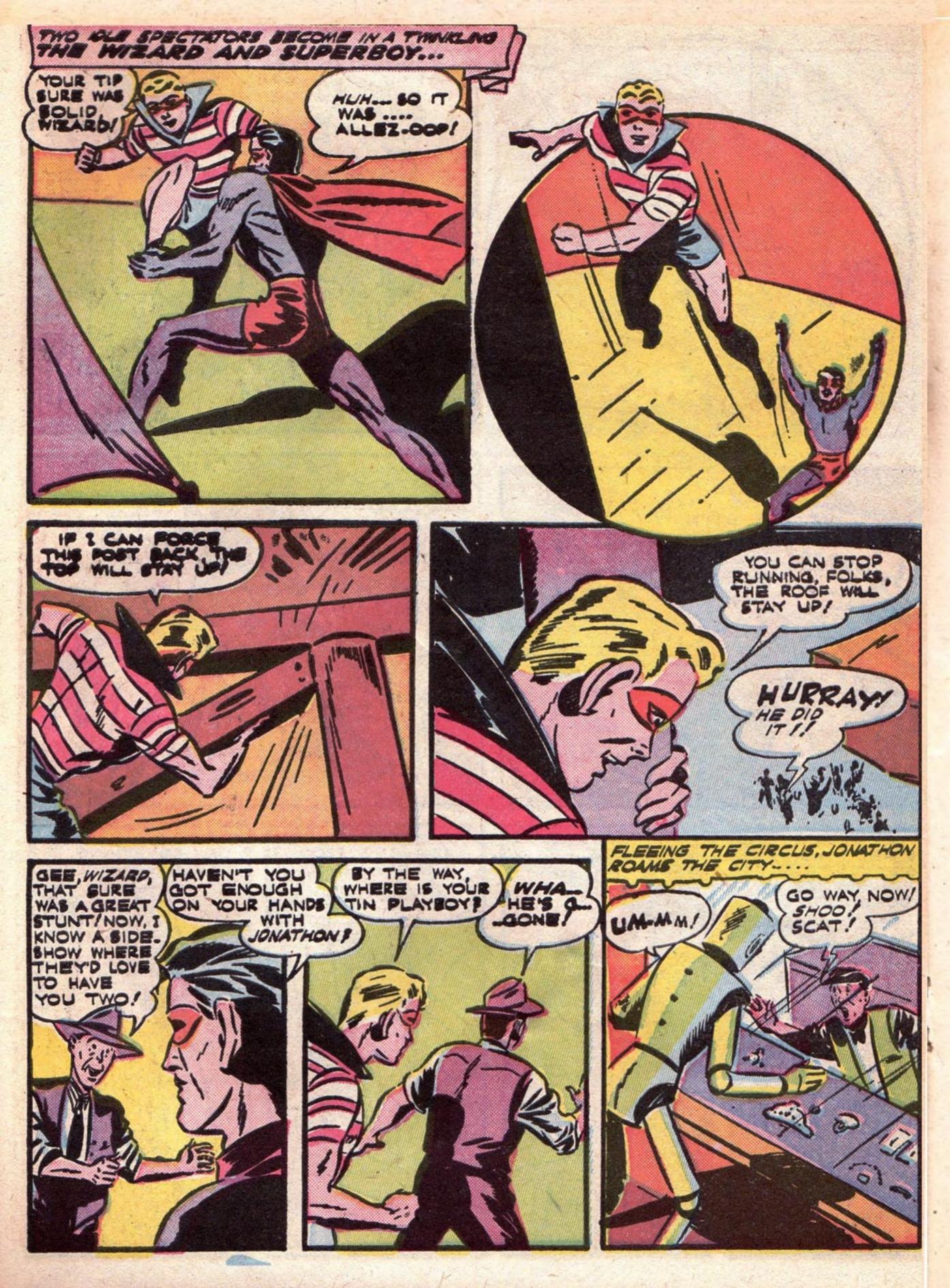
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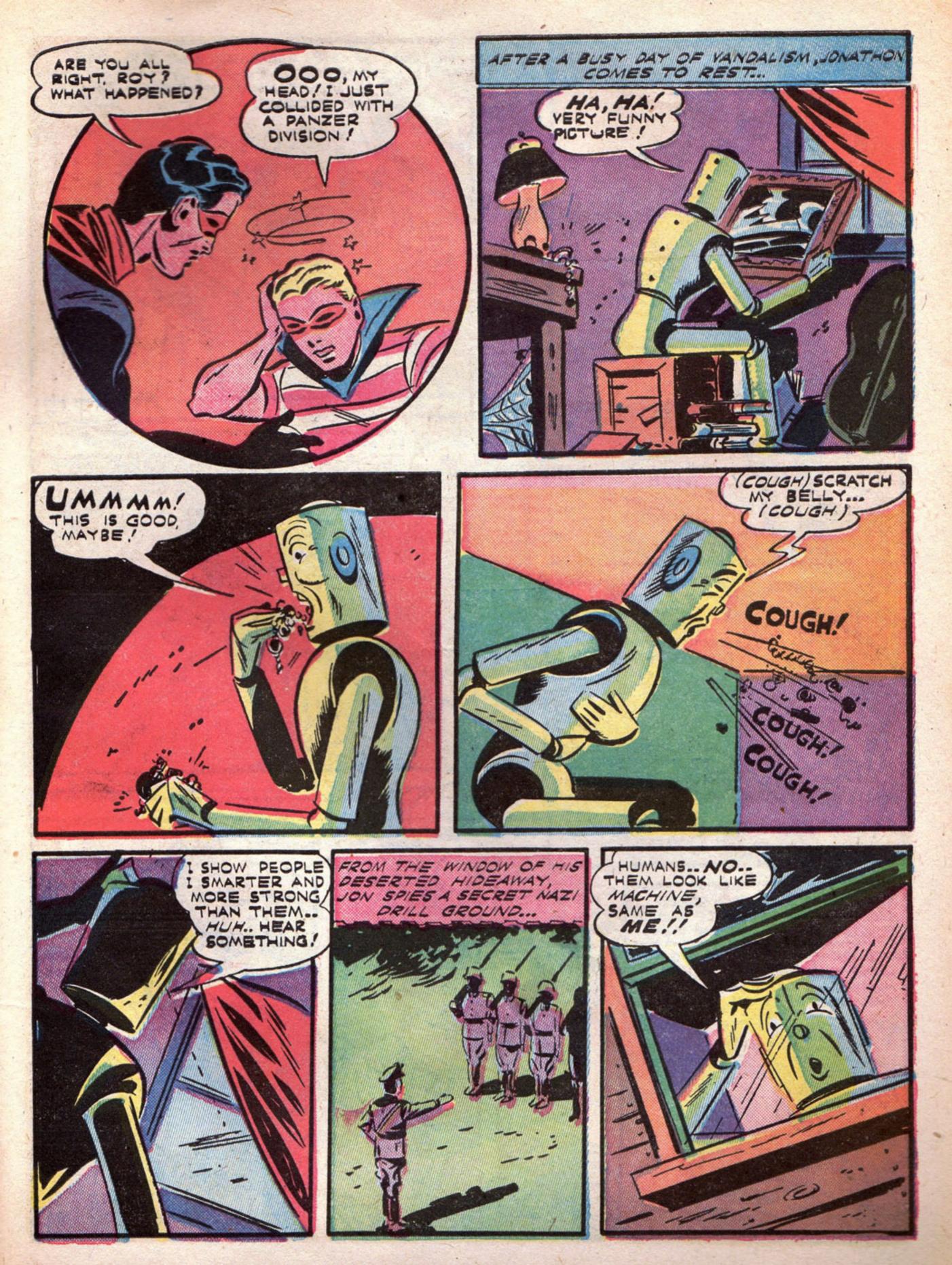






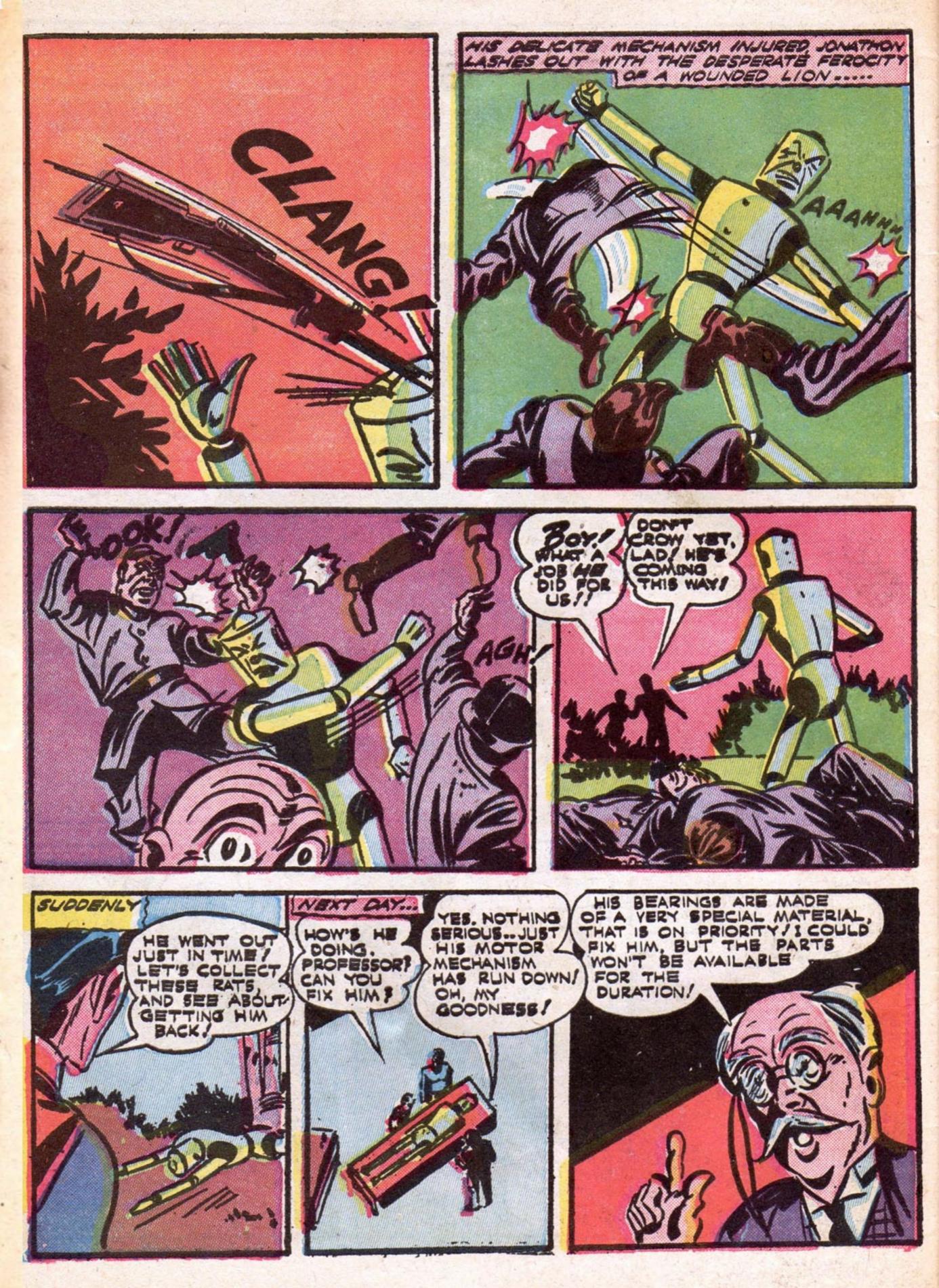








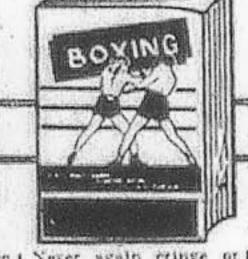




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